

1. A process apparatus, comprising:

 a storage unit storing information about a discussion at an electronic conference; and

 a judgment unit calculating an index relating to an amount of the discussion and judging whether to hold a face-to-face conference based on the index.

2. The process apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising

 a notification unit notifying participants of the electronic conference of a holding of the face-to-face conference if said judgment unit determines to hold the face-to-face conference.

3. The process apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising

 a reservation unit making reservations for facilities needed to hold the face-to-face conference if said judgment unit determines to hold the face-to-face conference,

 said notification unit notifies expected participants of information about reserved facilities.

5 said notification unit notifies the expected
participants of information about reserved
transportation.

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8. The process apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
5 said judgment unit uses a data amount of the
information about the discussion as the index, and if
the data amount exceeds a specific value, said judgment
unit determines to hold the face-to-face conference.

10. A process apparatus for executing a process of an asynchronous electronic conference among a plurality of areas in a distributed environment, comprising:

20 a communications unit transmitting information about a discussion at the electronic conference between areas;

 a storage unit storing the information about the discussion; and

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11. A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program enabling a computer to execute a process, said process comprising;

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10      judging whether to hold a face-to-face conference
      based on the index.

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recording information about a discussion at an
15 electronic conference;

judging whether to hold a face-to-face conference
based on the index.

storage means for storing information about a discussion at an electronic conference; and

judgment means for calculating an index relating
25 to an amount of the discussion and judging whether to

hold a face-to-face conference based on the index.

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